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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9497

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP

SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY VISIT TO LAOS

REF: STATE 208364

1. LAO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PLATTANA CHOUNLAMANY TOLD US AGU 16 THAT THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER WERE CURRENTLY ALL OUT OF TOWN. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN EASTERN EUROPE BUT WAS EXPECTED BACK AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE BACK IN TIME FOR CODEL'S VISIT. ACTING CHEF DE CABINET (UNDER SECRETARY) SOKTHAVONE KEOLA OF THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD US ALSO ON AUG 16 THAT APPOINTMENTS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FIRM UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE CODEL ARRIVED.

2. ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE PRE-REGISTERED AT HOTEL. ROOM ASSIGNMENTS LIST AND SCHEDULES WILL BE IN CARS WHICH MEET DELEGATION AT AIRPORT AS WELL AS IN CONTROL ROOM. ROOM KEYS WILL BE IN DOORS. CONTROL ROOM WILL BE MANNED AS REQUESTED.

3. WE INTEND TO USE EMBASSY VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT CODEL TO/FROM AIRPORT AND TO SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS. (IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE

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COULD KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS OF CODEL WILL PARTICIPATE IN CALLS ON LAO OFFICIALS). CARS AND DRIVERS FOR OTHER PURPOSES CAN BE HIRED AT HOTEL FOR APPROXIMATELY US\$8.00 PER HOUR.

4. EMBASSY WILL ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE ON HAND FOR DISBURSEMENT AS AUTHORIZED REFTEL.

5. ANY JOURNALISTS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN VIENTIANE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE AIRLIN GUIDE SAYS, AFTER THE CODEL'S AIRCRAFT LEAVES THERE WILL BE NO FLIGHT OUT OF VIENTIANE TO BANGKOK UNTIL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30. THE RIVER CROSSING TO THAILAND IS CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS. THERE IS A VIENTIANE TO HANOI FLIGHT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE PARTY'S VIETNAMESE VISAS WOULD PERMIT SUCH TRAVEL NOR DO WE KNOW THE ONWARD CONNECTIONS OUT OF HANOI. THE SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 AIR LAO FLIGHT TO BANGKOK DEPARTS VIENTIANE AT 1500 HRS; CHECK-IN TIME IS 1400 HRS.  
PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ANY ONWARD TRAVEL RESERVATIONS.

6. QUESTION: WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CODEL DURING THEIR STAY IN VIETNAM?

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